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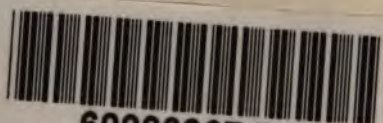
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INTRODUCTION.

A SHORT time since I composed a series of prayers for the use of Military Hospitals, to each of which I appended "Selections for Reading," and other helps to devotion, in the hope of assisting soldiers, when so circumstanced as to be unable to obtain spiritual advice, and also at times when the sick are so numerous as to preclude the chaplain from devoting much of his time to each individual. The flattering assurances which I have received from many and distant quarters, of the utility of the Hospital Manual, together with the honour which the Society

for Promoting Christian Knowledge has done the book in adding it to its Catalogue, have induced me to offer another, on a similar plan, for the use of sick persons in general. A work which, I trust, will be attended with the same beneficial results among all sorts and conditions of men ; and particularly in populous and extensive parishes, workhouses, infirmaries, and other places, where the various calls upon the attention of the Clergyman, must necessarily shorten his visits to the sick, and consequently the time which he might otherwise have devoted to reading and prayer on their behalf.

The object, moreover, of the following pages is not only to furnish the invalid with a help, or source to which, in the absence of the minister, he can refer for a prayer, or passage of Scripture, suitable to his case, but to present also a guide by which the

friends of a sick person can readily fix on those portions of the sacred volume which more particularly apply to his condition. In the latter case, I trust, that the selections for reading will be found of peculiar advantage in a sick chamber ; for often and often has it occurred to the writer (as it may have done to others), when visiting a sick man to whom one of the family had been reading the Bible, that, on inquiry what portion had been the subject of their meditations ; it proved to be the first chapter that presented itself, probably some historical part of the Old Testament, or something little applicable or consolatory to a dying Christian.

In every respect, therefore, both directly and indirectly, it is humbly hoped, that the following ejaculations, prayers, and selections, may be found serviceable to invalids, and may God grant that they may not only

soothe their pillow of sickness ; but, by his blessing, may help them forward in the way that leadeth unto everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

London, June 25, 1832.

MINISTERS TO VISIT THE SICK.

When any person is dangerously sick in any parish, the minister, or curate, having knowledge thereof, shall resort unto him, or her, (if the disease be not known, or probably suspected, to be infectious), to instruct and comfort them in their distress. Part of Canon 67.

A

SHORT ADDRESS

TO THE

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES

OF

SICK PERSONS,

WITH A FEW WORDS TO THE INVALID.

Is any sick among you ? let him call for the elders of the church ;
and let them pray over him.—*James* v. 14.

IF the subject of the following remarks were not one of vital importance to the interests of the soul, I should hesitate before I condemned conduct that I am aware originates in kind though mistaken motives—I mean the concealment from dangerously sick and dying persons the *hopelessness* of their recovery. Can it be called kindness to blind a man to the prospects of another and eternal world, when it is but too evident that *this* is fast fading from his view ?—Can any thing justify, to

use no harsher observation, such conduct as would hazard an immortal soul, only for the sake of sparing this mortal being a few days of vain regret?— Yet how often do friends, with studied care, avoid all allusion to this great change, and cheer, as they think, the dying man with the hope of many years, when they know that his hours are numbered; and thus suffer an immortal being to pass from this stage of existence, with his affections set on the things below, and without a serious thought of that world which is to follow! In many cases, all anxiety to conceal the truth from the dying man is of no avail, and then (as has frequently happened in my own case) the clergyman is hastened to his bed-side, probably to lament his departed reason, if not to witness his last struggle; or to hear regrets murmuring on his feverish lips, that he had not before thought upon his Saviour and his God. It may be argued that in some instances, an avowal of the real state of the patient, would be attended with an agitation of mind which might lead to serious consequences, and thus impede the means of his restoration: generally speaking, I doubt the truth of this assertion; for I have almost invariably found, in a course of considerable experience, that those persons who have anticipated

the worst, and have called in the aid of religion, are by far the most firm, resigned, and placid ; and thus, on the contrary, give medical advice a much better chance of success.

I acknowledge the delicacy of the task, and that to the feelings of relatives, a disclosure of this kind may be unpleasant and painful ; nevertheless, it is a sacred duty which ought never to be delayed, and one against which no false motives should for a moment be allowed to weigh. Much, however, of this difficulty might be surmounted by calling in the aid of the Church ; since a clergyman, accustomed to such scenes, and supported by his sacred office, could not only calmly and gradually impress upon the sick man a consciousness of his danger, but might also lead him to the great rock of his salvation, Jesus Christ the righteous : and thus, by opening to him the glad tidings of the Gospel, might thereby be enabled both to disarm death of his terrors, and, by the Divine blessing, be the humble instrument of bringing the invalid to such a happy frame of mind, that his friends would have the satisfaction of seeing him peacefully resign his spirit in the joyful hope of a happy resurrection.

A FEW WORDS TO THE INVALID.

IN addressing myself to the invalid, it is not so much my object to enlarge on the safer and better course of living always in a state of watchfulness and preparation against the day in which our soul shall be required of us, as in connexion with the foregoing address, to add a few words *with the same design*, to such persons as have said in their hearts, my “ Lord delayeth his coming ;” and have, therefore, not been so watchful, or so attentive to their religious duties in the season of health and strength, as they ought to have been. If such be your case, my friend, with whom, I would ask, can a wish to call for the elders of the church originate so properly as with *yourself*?—For who can be a fitter person than the individual whose eternal interests are at stake, to judge of the propriety of setting our house in order, and of seeking pardon and reconciliation through the atoning blood of the Redeemer?—You may, it is true, listen to the flattering hope, that this time, at least, you will be able to contend with your disease, and shall not surely die ; but what *assurance* have you of what you would call so favourable an issue ? Only experience teaches us that in the midst of

life we are in death. And surely, since we know not what shall be on the morrow, it must be the height of presumption, at any time, and more particularly in sickness, to put off the thoughts of eternity to a more convenient season. Spare then, I should say, the delicacy of your friends in this matter, by leading *yourself* to the subject. Beg of them to read and pray with you, and by your calmness and resignation, teach them that the thoughts of eternity, far from filling you with terror, are your greatest support and consolation in the hour of affliction. If your sickness increases, wait not the call of those about you for a clergyman (since his presence unhappily is too often delayed, lest he should be looked upon only as a messenger of death), but tell them, on the contrary, that his visits would be a source of comfort and satisfaction to you. In a word, show your relatives that you would not willingly leave this world unprepared for that which is to follow; and beg of them, if they would prove themselves really your friends, to acquaint you with your danger, should you remain unconscious of it. The example * of a Royal Duke, in this respect, is well wor-

* "The state of his Royal Highness's health had for some time appeared far from satisfactory, and had occasioned more or less

thy of your imitation, who some months previously to his death, exacted a solemn promise from a

uneasiness to those about him ; but the first indications of serious indisposition, such as to produce alarm, were upon his return to his residence in Audley Square, on the 9th of June, 1826. From that period his Royal Highness continued more or less an invalid, and was occasionally confined to his house.

“ Upon the 24th of June, his Royal Highness removed for change of air to Brompton Park, and upon that day he sent for me, and told me that he had been unwell for some weeks, and that he did not think that he gained ground ; that he did not feel alarmed, and that he had perfect confidence in the attention given to his case, and the skill of his medical advisers ; but that he knew that they might entertain apprehensions, which they would consider it their professional duty not to communicate to their patients, and he might, therefore, remain ignorant of that which ought not to be concealed from him, and which he trusted he should learn without apprehension, although he did not deny he should learn it with regret. That there were duties to be performed, and arrangements to be made, which ought not to be deferred to the last moment ; and he felt it was due to his character and station, to his comfort, and even to his feelings on this subject, that he should not be taken by surprise on so serious an occasion. He considered it probable that the physicians would be less reserved with me than with him ; and he charged me, if I should learn from them directly, or should have reason to draw such inference from any expressions that might drop from them, that his situation had become one of danger, not to withhold such knowledge from him. He appealed to me upon this occasion for an act of friendship, he would add, for the discharge of a duty, which he claimed from the

confidential friend, that he would not *conceal* from him the extent of his danger ;—the trust so committed was faithfully observed ; and thus was the prince gradually prepared to meet his end, and to say at the last, “ God’s will be done, I am resigned !”

Again, supposing that your sickness is not unto death, and that God may be pleased to raise you up again ; even in that case, do you think that you will be less acceptable in the sight of heaven, because in the day of adversity you did consider, and by prayer and meditation, endeavoured to derive benefit from his fatherly visitation ? To assist you in this great and necessary work, I now offer you a variety of prayers and selections from Scripture, which I have endeavoured to adapt to the different conditions of mind and body in which the sick are usually found :—And I sincerely hope that the following pages may contain something corresponding with your own case and feelings, and that,

person who had been with him, and enjoyed his confidence during so many years ; he called upon me to promise that I would perform it whenever the period should arrive to which he alluded ; and he desired that I would bear in mind that he wished me to deal by him as he was certain I should desire, under similar circumstances, to be dealt with.”—*Vide General Sir Herbert Taylor’s Memorandum of the illness and decease of the Duke of York.*

by the blessing of God, they may be serviceable to you, and enable you to commune with your own heart upon your bed.

With the Bible, therefore, in your hand, and a prayer on your lips, repent you truly of your sins, and bear your sickness patiently, submitting yourself wholly unto God, and trusting in his mercy for his Son Jesus Christ's sake, and then shall your sickness turn to your profit, and help you forward in the right way that leadeth unto everlasting life.

DIRECTIONS TO THE INVALID.

Select, from time to time, one or more of the prayers, that you think most adapted to your case, from the following table of contents. Commence with the ejaculations, and after the prayer read the texts attached to it ; should you then feel equal or disposed to further meditation, read occasionally the psalms and chapters referred to, concluding with one of the collects mentioned.

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THE
INVALID'S HELP
TO
PRAYER AND MEDITATION.

I.

A Prayer for spiritual improvement by sickness.

EJACULATIONS.

Thy way, O God, is holy; who is so great a god as our God? *Psalm lxxvii. 13.*

I know, O Lord, that thy judgments are right; and that thou of very faithfulness hast caused me to be troubled. *Psalm cxix. 75.*

But it is good for me to hold me fast by God, to put my trust in the Lord God. *Psalm lxxiii. 27.*

Turn thee, O Lord, and deliver my soul; O save me for thy mercies' sake. *Psalm vi. 4.*

THE PRAYER.

O Lord God Almighty, who knowest what is best for thy sinful creatures, and, in thine infinite wisdom, often designest good

to them by affliction ; teach me to acknowledge the mercies of thy dispensations, and the advantages of a bed of sickness : make me to rejoice in the means that thou hast taken of turning my thoughts towards thee, and of bringing me to a sense of my danger and folly. Give me grace, O Lord, that I may set a proper value on these hours of reflection, and, by a right use of thy chastisements, may turn them to my everlasting benefit ; so that, what now appears an evil, I may learn to esteem the greatest blessing that could have befallen me, and to say with the Psalmist, it is good for me that I have been afflicted. Grant this, O merciful Father, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

No chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous : nevertheless, afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.
Heb. xii. 11.

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.
2 Cor. iv. 17.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time ; casting all your care upon him ; for he careth for you. *1 Pet. v. 6, 7.*

SELECTIONS FOR READING.

See *Psalms* iv. l. lxxiii. cxxvi.

Read *Hosea* vi. *Mark* ii. to ver. 12. *Colossians* iii. 1 *Peter* i. *James* i.

Collects, second Sunday after Epiphany, and seventh Sunday after Trinity.

II.

*A Prayer for preparation, and readiness
to die.*

EJACULATIONS.

Oh ! remember how short my time is ; wherefore hast thou made all men for nought ?

What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death ; and shall he deliver his soul from the hand of hell ? *Psalms* lxxxix. 46, 47.

When thou hidest thy face, they are troubled ; when thou takest away their breath, they die, and are turned again to their dust. *Psalms* civ. 29.

Whoso is wise, will ponder these things ; and they shall understand the loving-kindness of the Lord. *Psalms* cvii. 43.

So teach us to number our days ; that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. *Psalms* xc. 12.

THE PRAYER.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, who, through thy beloved Son Jesus Christ, hast made the grave a way to heaven, to all such as with

sincere repentance and true faith turn unto thee, and thereby hast opened unto them such joys, as far exceed all the imperfect delights of this world; teach me thy way, and give me understanding that I may keep it unto the end. Oh! stablish thy word in thy servant, that I may stedfastly believe all thy promises, gratefully acknowledge all thy blessings, heartily perform all thy commands, unfeignedly bewail all my sins, and, as a faithful servant of my Redeemer, so fight the good fight of faith, that, by his merits, I may lay hold on eternal life. Assist me, O God, in this great work, that I may never be unprepared for the day in which thou shalt think fit to call me hence; and grant, that when my days shall be extinct, and the grave ready to receive me, I may finally rest in the land of blessedness and peace, which thou hast promised, through the same thy Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment. *Heb. ix. 27.*

When the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with

his mighty angels, in flaming fire, taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power. *2 Thess. i. 7, 8, 9.*

But, as it is written, eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. *1 Cor. ii. 9.*

Watch, therefore; for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man cometh. *Matt. xxv. 13.*

SELECTIONS FOR READING.

See Psalms xxiii. cxii. cxviii.

Read Matthew xxv. Luke xii. 35—49. Philippians iii. 8. to end. 1 Thessalonians v. 2 Timothy iv. to ver. 8.

Collects, fourth and fifth Sundays after Trinity.

III.

For Divine assistance.

EJACULATIONS.

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; Lord, be thou my helper. *Psalm xxx. 11.*

Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

Oh! give me the comfort of thy help again, and stablish me with thy free Spirit. *Psalm li. 10, 11, 12.*

THE PRAYER.

O Almighty and everlasting God, who knowest all our wants and weaknesses, and hast promised help in the time of need; have mercy on thy servant. Pardon the weakness of my efforts, the wandering of my thoughts, and the downward tendency of my affections. O thou who requirest truth in the inward parts; quicken me according to thy promise, and aid me with thy Holy Spirit, so that not only in understanding, but in heart and will, I may apply thy divine truths to the healing of my soul.

Favour my endeavours, O merciful Father, that, with thy grace and benediction, my soul may be touched with thy tender mercies; and that with heartfelt love and gratitude, I may work out my salvation in sincerity and truth, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of my faith. Oh! may my prayers, through his intercession, prevail, and my deficiencies, through his merits, be overlooked; so that at the last I may be found acceptable in thy sight, through Jesus Christ my only Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children; how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him? *Luke xi. 13.*

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities; for we know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us. *Rom. viii. 26.*

Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lusts of the flesh: for the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary the one to the other.

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. *Gal. v. 16, 17. 22, 23.*

There is, therefore, now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit. *Rom. viii. 1.*

Who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption. *1 Cor. i. 30.*

SELECTIONS FOR READING.

See Psalms xxxiii. xlviii. lkv. cxxi. cxxxix.

Read Ezekiel xi. from ver. 17. to 21. John iii. to ver. 13. John xvi. Romans viii. to ver. 28.

Collects, Whitsunday, and Sunday after Ascension.

IV.

For repentance and forgiveness.

EJACULATIONS.

Blessed is he, whose unrighteousness is forgiven; and whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man, unto whom the Lord imputeth no sin : and in whose spirit there is no guile. *Psalm xxxii.* 1, 2.

For thy name's sake, O Lord, be merciful unto my sin, for it is great. *Psalm xxv.* 10.

Shew thy servant the light of thy countenance, and save me for thy mercie's sake. *Psalm xxxi.* 18.

For I acknowledge my faults ; and my sin is ever before me.

Turn thy face from my sins, and put out all my misdeeds. *Psalm li.* 3. 9.

THE PRAYER.

O merciful Father, who by thy blessed Son Jesus Christ, hast taught us, that thou art not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance and live ; give ear unto my prayer, and ponder the voice of my humble desire of reconciliation with thine offended majesty. I know, O Lord, that I am unworthy to stand before thee, but for the sake of the all-prevailing merits of my Redeemer, cast me not out in thy displeasure, but deliver my soul from destruction : to this end give me the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that with a true faith, and unfeigned repentance, I may draw nigh unto thee. Oh ! work in me such a hearty sorrow for my sin, that, by thy mercy, I

may obtain remission and forgiveness; so that finally, when weighed in the balance of eternal justice, I may, through the merits of my Saviour, not be found wanting in thy sight, but may be of that happy number whom he shall place on his right hand, and rest for evermore in the enjoyment of thy heavenly pleasures, through the same Jesus Christ, my Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

Seek ye the Lord, while he may be found; call upon him while he is near.

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. *Isa. lv. 6, 7.*

Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth. *Luke xv. 10.*

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. 2 *Peter iii. 9.*

Be zealous, therefore, and repent. *Rev. iii. 19.*

For there is one God, and one Mediator, between God and men—the Man Christ Jesus. 1 *Tim. ii. 5.*

In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins. *Col. i. 14.*

SELECTIONS FOR READING.

See *Psalms* xxv. xxxii. xxxviii. lxxxv.

Read *Deut.* xxx. 2 *Chron.* xxxiii. from ver. 9 to 14. *Isa.* lv. *Luke* xv. *Acts* xiii. from ver. 38 to 42. *Eph.* i. from ver. 7 to 14.

Collects, Ash Wednesday, and twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity.

V.

A deprecation of judgment; or prayer for a person who has delayed turning to his God.

EJACULATIONS.

Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto thee; have mercy upon me, and hear me.

Oh! hide not thou thy face from me; nor cast away thy servant in displeasure. *Psalm* xxvii. 8. 10.

For innumerable troubles are come about me; my sins have taken such hold upon me, that I am not able to look up; yea, they are more in number than the hairs of my head, and my heart faileth me. *Psalm* xl. 15.

Oh! remember not the sins and offences of my youth; but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodness. *Psalm* xxv. 6.

Haste thee, O God, to deliver me; make haste to help me, O Lord.

Thou art my helper and my redeemer; O Lord, make no long tarrying *Psalm* lxx. 1. 6.

THE PRAYER.

O Lord, the God of knowledge, by whom all actions are weighed, look down from thy throne upon a wretched sinner, who dares not so much as lift up his eyes unto thee. I know, O Lord, that I have repeatedly provoked thee, and that I richly deserve the visitations of thine anger, therefore do I tremble before thee; yet be merciful, O God, be merciful for Jesus Christ's sake, and suffer me not to go down to the grave with unpardoned sin upon my head. Oh! listen, gracious Father, unto this mine unworthy prayer, and grant that it may not be too late to cry unto thee; but even now create in me a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within me. Turn thee unto me, O God, and have mercy upon me; give strength unto thy servant, that I may improve my few remaining (*days or hours*) in labouring to obtain thy favour, and an entrance into heaven. Oh! sanctify me by the influence of thy Holy Spirit, so that at the last I may pass the gates of death in the

humble hope of being admitted into that glorious place, through the atoning merits of my only Saviour and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Because thine heart was tender, and thou didst humble thyself before God, when thou heardest his words against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, and humblest thyself before me, and didst rend thy clothes, and weep before me; I have even heard thee also, saith the Lord. Behold, I will gather thee to thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered to thy grave in peace. 2 *Chron.* xxxiv. 27, 28.

Therefore also now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness. *Joel* ii. 12, 13.

For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation. 2 *Cor.* vii. 10.

If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, and he is the propitiation for our sins. 1 *John* ii. 1, 2.

SELECTIONS FOR READING.

See *Psalms* vi. li. cxxx. cxliii.

Read *Ezek.* xviii. *Jonah* iii. *Matt.* xxi. from ver. 28 to 32.
Luke vii. from ver. 36 to end. *Acts* ix. to ver. 31.

Collect, fourth Sunday in Lent.

VI.

For one troubled in mind or conscience.

EJACULATIONS.

Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; for I am desolate, and in misery.

The sorrows of my heart are enlarged; Oh! bring thou me out of all my troubles.

Look upon mine adversity and misery, and forgive me all my sin.

O keep my soul, and deliver me; let me not be confounded, for I have put my trust in thee. *Psalm xxv.* 15, 16, 17. 19.

THE PRAYER.

O Lord, my God, the only comfort in time of need, who hast promised help to all that call upon thee faithfully; let my prayer enter into thy presence; for my soul is full of trouble, and my spirit is vexed within me. Thou knowest mine unworthiness, and my wickedness is not hid from thee; and moreover, my heart telleth me that I am written among the unrighteous. Yet, O God, give me not over in thy displeasure, nor suffer me to be wiped out of the book of the living; but shew me the light of thy countenance, and save me for

thy mercy's sake. Oh! draw nigh unto me, most merciful Father, and for thy dear Son's sake, grant me pardon for the past, and strength for the future. Oh! guide and defend me by thy heavenly grace and providence, through all trials and adversities; and, finally, by thy great goodness, lead me to those mansions where all sorrow and fear shall for ever pass away, and be succeeded by those pure and perfect joys, which are at thy right hand for evermore. *Amen.*

The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him. *Nahum i. 7.*

When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, even in the latter days, if thou turn unto the Lord thy God, and shalt be obedient unto his voice (for the Lord thy God is a merciful God), he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee. *Deut. iv. 30, 31.*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. *John iii. 16, 17.*

SELECTIONS FOR READING.

See *Psalms* xiii. lxxxvi. lxxxviii.

Read *Isa.* xxvi. *Lam.* iii. from ver. 22 to 36. *Luke* i. from ver. 68 to end. 2 *Cor.* vii.

Collects, twelfth Sunday after Trinity, twenty-first after Trinity.



VII.

For acceptance of Prayer.

EJACULATIONS.

Ponder my words, O Lord ; consider my meditation.

O hearken thou unto the voice of my calling, my King, and my God ; for unto thee will I make my prayer. *Psalm* v. 1, 2.

Be merciful unto me, O Lord ; for I will call daily upon thee.

For thou, Lord, art good and gracious, and of great mercy unto all them that call upon thee. *Psalm* lxxxvi. 3. 5.

Save me, O God, for thy name's sake ; and avenge me in thy strength.

Hear my prayer, O God ; and hearken unto the words of my mouth. *Psalm* liv. 1, 2.

THE PRAYER.

O most gracious and merciful Lord God, who hast encouraged us to pray and not to faint, and who hast assured us that constant and fervent prayer shall prevail at the

throne of thy grace, listen, I do humbly beseech thee, to those petitions which from time to time I have offered in the name of Jesus Christ, and grant, that through his intercession, they may, in the end, succeed ! I know, however, that thy judgments, O Lord, are true and righteous altogether, and that from the kindest of motives, thou dost sometimes think fit to withhold thy power and favour. Teach me, then, if thou thinkest fit to try me further, meekly to acquiesce in thy decision, and to endeavour to qualify myself for thy grace and mercy. Oh ! give me the aid of thy Holy Spirit, that I may testify my faith and confidence in thy goodness, by patiently awaiting thy heavenly will ; and with a deep sense of mine own unworthiness, diligently persevere in prayer and supplication, through Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

In those days Hezekiah was sick to the death, and prayed unto the Lord ; and he spake unto him, and he gave him a sign. 2 *Chron.* xxxii. 24.

Ask, and it shall be given you ; seek, and ye shall find ;

knock, and it shall be opened unto you : for every one that asketh receiveth ; and he that seeketh findeth ; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. *Matt.* vii. 7, 8.

In every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. *Phil.* iv. 6.

And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up ; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. *Jas.* v. 15, 16.

SELECTIONS FOR READING.

See Psalms v. lxi. xcix.

Read Isa. xxxviii. *Dan.* vi. and ix. *Luke* xi. to ver. 13. *Luke* xviii. to ver. 14. *John* xvii. *Acts* x.

Collects, tenth Sunday after Trinity, and twenty-third Sunday after Trinity.

VIII.

*For a blessing upon Remedies used in Sickness,
or on an operation about to be performed.*

EJACULATIONS.

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills ; from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh even from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. *Psalms* cxxi. 1, 2.

Some put their trust in chariots, and some in horses ; but we will remember the name of the Lord our God. *Psalms* xx. 7.

Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me, for my soul trusteth in thee; and under the shadow of thy wings shall be my refuge until these calamities be overpast.

I will call unto the most High God; even unto the God that shall perform the cause, which I have in hand. *Psalm lvii. 1, 2.*

THE PRAYER.

O Lord God, the strength of my health, who not only givest us medicines to heal our sickness, but directest also the counsels of men, bless the means, I humbly beseech thee, that are used for the ease and comfort of my body; and so direct the skill employed on my behalf, that, if it be thy blessed will, it may be effectual to the working of a speedy recovery. [But more especially I beg of thee, O Lord, so to assist the deliberations of those who consult for my good, and so to prosper the operation I am shortly to undergo, that, by thy mercy, it may lead to a favourable issue. Oh! give me strength and patience to endure the pain, and in firm reliance on thine Almighty Providence, to quit myself with Christian fortitude.] (*To be used when the patient is about to undergo an operation.*)

Hear me, O Lord, hear me, and do thou, in thy goodness, succeed the otherwise fruitless endeavours of man, by stretching forth thine hand to heal; so that, by thy blessing, I may be restored to health and strength, and may live to serve thee more faithfully for the time to come, through my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Asa, in the thirty and ninth year of his reign, was diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great; yet in his disease he sought ~~not~~ the Lord, but to the physicians. And Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the one-and-fortieth year of his reign. *2 Chron. xvi. 12, 13.*

Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is; for he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit. *Jer. xvii. 7, 8.*

Trust ye in the Lord for ever; for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength. *Isa. xxvi. 4.*

For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things; to whom be glory for ever. *Amen. Rom. xi. 36.*

SELECTIONS FOR READING.

See Psalms xx. xxix. xcix.

Read 2 Kings v. 2 Kings xx. to ver. 7. Matt. ix. from ver. 18 to 31. John v. and ix.

Collect, eighth Sunday after Trinity.

IX.

For a person suffering under a consumptive, or any other lingering complaint.

EJACULATIONS.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and consider my desire; hearken unto me for thy truth and righteousness' sake.

Hear me, O Lord, and that soon; for my spirit waxeth faint: hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

Oh! let me hear of thy loving-kindness betimes in the morning; for in thee is my trust: shew thou me the way that I should walk in; for I lift up my soul unto thee.

Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth thee; for thou art my God: let thy loving Spirit lead me forth into the land of righteousness.

Quicken me, O Lord, for thy Name's sake; and for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble. *Psalm cxliii. 1. 7, 8. 10, 11.*

THE PRAYER.

O Lord God of my salvation, hide not thy face from me in the needful time of trouble, but incline thine ear unto my calling. Oh! turn again, and be merciful unto me, a miserable sinner; consider mine adversity, and deliver me from this tedious and lingering complaint. I know, O Father, that all things are possible unto thee; there-

fore in this confidence have I ventured to entreat thy favour: but if thou, in thy righteous dealings with the sons of men, thinkest fit that I should lie longer under thy hand, or that my days upon earth should shortly close, teach me to say with thy blessed Son, "not my will, but thine be done," and to follow his example in all readiness to yield up my life whenever thou shalt require it, so that finally, through the merits of his death and sufferings, I may rise to the life immortal, and by thy mercy, for his sake, taste of those endless joys which thou hast promised to all, who, in thy true faith and fear, endure unto the end. *Amen.*

Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.
Matt. v. 4.

For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee. In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment, but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the Lord thy Redeemer. *Isa. liv. 7, 8.*

Wherefore, let them that suffer according to the will of God, commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator. 1 *Pet. iv. 19.*

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God. *Rom. viii. 28.*

SELECTIONS FOR READING.

See Psalms iv. xxii. cii. last part of cxix.

Read Job v. Isa. xxv. Matt. xxvi. from ver. 36 to 45.

Mark v. from ver. 25 to end. Rom. v. Rom. viii. from ver. 18 to 28. Heb. xii. Rev. iii. from ver. 10 to 14. Rev. vii. from ver. 13 to end.

Collects, eighth Sunday after Trinity, and the Annunciation.

 X.

*For patience and relief under bodily pain or
restlessness.*

EJACULATIONS.

Hear my prayer, O God, and hide not thyself from my petition. *Psalm lv. 1.*

For thine hand is heavy upon me day and night; and my moisture is like the drought in summer. *Psalm xxxii. 4.*

My flesh and my heart faileth; but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever. *Psalm lxxiii. 25.*

Comfort the soul of thy servant; for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. *Psalm lxxxvi. 4.*

THE PRAYER.

Father of mercies, and God of all comfort, who seest the infirmities of our nature, and our impatience under affliction, pardon, I beseech thee, my restless and unruly

spirit. Teach me to imitate the meek and lowly Jesus, in quietly submitting to thy will; and so regulate my heart, that no suffering of mind or body may divert my thoughts from the belief of thine over-ruling Providence, and all-wise disposal of us. Grant me relief and ease in my pain; or, if thou thinkest best that I should suffer, make me to know and feel the advantages of lying under affliction, and turn it to the salvation of my soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Learn of me (saith our Saviour), for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. *Matt. xi. 29.*

Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience. Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy. *James v. 10, 11.*

And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence, to the full assurance of hope unto the end; that ye be not slothful, but followers of them, who, through faith and patience, inherit the promises. *Heb. vi. 11, 12.*

SELECTIONS FOR READING.

See Psalms xxvii. xxxvii. xxxviii. xlv.

Read Job vii. Isaiah liii. John xiv. 2 Corinthians iv.

2 Timothy ii. to ver. 13.

Collect, Sunday before Easter.

XI.

Prayer for a woman with child.

EJACULATIONS.

My soul truly waiteth still upon God ; for of him cometh my salvation.

He verily is my strength and my salvation ; he is my defence, so that I shall not greatly fall. *Psalm lxii. 1, 2.*

Preserve thou my soul, my God : save thy servant that putteth her trust in thee. *Psalm lxxxvi. 2.*

Oh ! let my mouth be filled with thy praise, that I may sing of thy glory and honour all the day long.

Go not far from me, O God ; my God, haste thee to help me. *Psalm lxxi. 7. 10.*

THE PRAYER.

O Lord God, who, as a punishment for the sin of the mother of all living, didst multiply her sorrow and conception, and thus entail upon women the pain and peril of child-birth, be thou my preserver both

now, and in the time of my travail, and grant me a safe deliverance for thy mercy's sake. In the mean time, most gracious Father, give me comfort and sure confidence in thee, so that I may patiently and cheerfully await until my days shall be accomplished: and when the time of my delivery draweth near, do thou for thy goodness' sake, shorten my anguish, and support me through my troubles, and grant that they may leave me a joyful mother of a hopeful and healthy babe.—Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend both my body and my soul, in the humble hope, that thou wilt preserve me from all danger, and in thine own good time enable me to pay my vows in the courts of thine house for all the benefits done unto me, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived; but the woman being deceived, was in the transgression. Notwithstanding, she shall be saved in child-bearing, if *she* continue in faith and charity, and holiness with sobriety. 1 *Tim.* ii. 13, 14, 15.

A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come; but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she

remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world. *John* xvi. 21.

Fear thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. *Isa.* xli. 10.

Every word of God is pure; he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. *Prov.* xxx. 5.

SELECTIONS FOR READING.

See Psalms cxxviii. lxvii.

Read Genesis iii. 1 *Samuel* i. *Ephesians* v. from ver. 22. to end. 1 *Peter* iii.

Collects, second Sunday after Trinity, and third Sunday after Trinity.

XII.

For a person depressed in spirits.

EJACULATIONS.

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; and mine eye is consumed for very heaviness; yea, my soul and my body. *Psalms* xxxi. 10.

I will say unto the God of my strength; Why hast thou forgotten me; and why go I thus heavily?

Why art thou so full of heaviness, O my soul; and why art thou so disquieted within me?

Oh! put thy trust in God; for I will yet thank him, which is the help of my countenance, and my God. *Psalms* xlii. 11. 14, 15.

Withdraw not thou thy mercy from me, O Lord; let thy loving-kindness and thy truth alway preserve me. *Psaln* xl. 14.

THE PRAYER.

O God, the hope and strength of all those that put their trust in Thee, who also, in a wonderful manner hast so knit together the mind and body of man, that if the one suffers, the other suffereth also, have mercy on me in this low and spiritless condition, and raise my thoughts unto thee.—My whole head is sick, and my whole heart is faint, but be thou the stronghold whereunto I may alway resort, and grant that I may never flee unto thee in vain.—Gird me with thy strength, O Lord, and help me to shake off all disquieting thoughts, and to place my firm trust in thine Almighty arm. In vain do we seek to pass through this vale of tears without some portion of disquietude and trouble; give me grace then, O God, to cast off all imaginary fears, and to sanctify the real afflictions of life by making them the means of a closer and more frequent communing with thee. Increase then,

I beseech thee, O Lord, the graces of thy Holy Spirit, and grant that my soul may be refreshed by thy comforts, and my faith strengthened in thy promises, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. *James v. 13.*

For the Lord will not cast off for ever; but though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion, according to the multitude of his mercies: for he doth not afflict willingly, nor grieve the children of men. *Lam. iii. 31, 32, 33.*

Be patient, therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts; for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. *James v. 7, 8.*

Consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. *Heb. xii. 3.*

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? *Rom. viii. 35.*

They cried out for fear; but straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, *be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid!* *Matt. xiv. 27.*

SELECTIONS FOR READING.

See *Psalms xi. xlii. xliii. lv.*

Read *Isaiah liv. Matt. xi. from ver. 25 to end. Luke xii. to ver. 8. 1 Thess. iii. Heb. x. from ver. 19.*

' , fourth Sunday after Epiphany; third Sunday in

XIII.

For a person bruised in body, or otherwise hurt.

EJACULATIONS.

O Lord, rebuke me not in thine indignation; neither chasten me in thy displeasure.

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak; O Lord, heal me, for my bones are vexed.

My soul also is sore troubled; but, Lord, how long wilt thou punish me? *Psalm vi. 1, 2, 3.*

Be not thou far from me, O Lord; thou art my succour, haste thee to help me. *Psalm xxii. 19.*

Lord, be merciful unto me; heal my soul, for I have sinned against thee. *Psalm xli. 4.*

THE PRAYER.

O most mighty Lord God, who makest sore and bindest up, who woundest and makest whole; look down on my weak and low estate; and according to the necessity of my case have mercy upon me.—If in the time of health and strength I have forgotten the hand that fashioned me, and hath hitherto upheld me among the casualties of this uncertain life, make me now seriously to reflect how fearfully and wonderfully I am made,

and how soon I may be brought down to the dust of death; above all, make me well to consider my immortal soul, which no power on earth can destroy; that whensoever it shall be separated from the flesh, it may be presented spotless before thee, through the merits of *his* sufferings, who was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities, Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord.—O may I, most merciful Father, ever bear in mind his example; who, when he was afflicted opened not his mouth, that I may wait with patience thy healing hand.—Or, shouldest thou even see fit to deny me this mercy, yet grant that, though weak in body, I may be strong in faith, through the merits of my Redeemer, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him. It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord. *Lam.* iii. 25, 26.

He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. *Isa.* xl. 29.

Therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. *2 Tim.* ii. 3.

Knowing that tribulation worketh patience ; and patience experience ; and experience hope. *Rom. v. 3, 4.*

Which hope we have, as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast. *Heb. vi. 19.*

SELECTIONS FOR READING.

See *Psalms xxviii. xxxi. lxxxviii.*

Read *Job x. and xiv. Isaiah li. Luke xxii. 50, 51.* See also the selections for Patience, (X.)

Collects, for the third Sunday after Epiphany, and fifth Sunday in Lent.

XIV.

For a person labouring under an incurable infirmity or disease.

EJACULATIONS.

I will cry unto God with my voice ; even unto God will I cry with my voice.

In the time of my trouble I sought the Lord ; my sore ran, and ceased not in the night season ; my soul refused comfort.

And I said, it is mine own infirmity ; but I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most Highest. *Psalms lxxvii. 1, 2. 10.*

For his wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye, and in his pleasure is life ; heaviness may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning. *Psalms xxx. 5.*

THE PRAYER.

O God, to whom power belongeth, I pray thee have mercy on a poor sufferer, whom the skill of man can now but little benefit; that, like as the blessed Jesus did impart virtue unto those who were long and grievously afflicted, and thus heal them of their plagues, so thy servant may feel in his body the benefit of thy healing hand, and in thy good time, may be restored whole.—But shouldest thou think fit to deny me the blessing of health and ease, give me grace to bear mine infirmity with such patience and resignation, that, though bowed down in body, I may ever lift up my heart unto thee, and glorify thy name, being fully persuaded that all things work together for good to them that love thee, and that thou dost afflict the body, in order that the soul may be purified and presented spotless before thee.—Oh! may my sufferings here below, gracious Father, lead to this blessed end, through the merits of Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you; but rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. *1 Pet. iv. 12, 13.*

For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me; and he said unto me, my grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in mine infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. *2 Cor. xii. 8, 9.*

My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience: but let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. *James i. 2, 3, 4.*

And let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith; who, for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. *Heb. xii. 1, 2.*

SELECTIONS FOR READING.

See Psalms lxxvii. cxiii. cxlii.

Read Job ii. to ver. 11. 2 Kings iv. from ver. 18 to 37. Matthew ix. to ver. 8. Luke viii. from ver. 43 to 48. Acts iii. 2 Corinthians xii. to ver. 11.

Collect, second Sunday in Lent.

XV.

*For a casual, or temporary inmate of an
Hospital.*

EJACULATIONS.

Unto thee will I cry, O Lord, my strength : think no scorn of me ; lest, if thou make as though thou hearest not, I become like them that go down into the pit.

Hear the voice of my humble petitions, when I cry unto thee.

Oh ! pluck me not away, neither destroy me with the ungodly and wicked doers. *Psalm xxviii. 1, 2, 3.*

Oh ! do well unto thy servant, that I may live and keep thy word.

Oh ! let my soul live, and it shall praise thee ; and thy judgments shall keep me. *Psalm cxix. 17. 175.*

THE PRAYER.

Almighty God, the fountain of life, and giver of health and strength, who teachest us in various ways that we are weak and perishable creatures, withhold not thine all-healing power from thy servant ; but have mercy on me in this my affliction, and so prosper the means that are employed for the benefit of my body, that I may be speedily restored to my friends and occupation.—Yet, while I

pray to thee, O Father, for the health and soundness of the body, forget not, I beseech thee, the weightier matters of the soul; but sanctify this opportunity of meditating upon thee to my spiritual welfare, and the advancement of thy glory; and grant that, by the assistance of thy Holy Spirit, I may leave this hospital with a sanctified heart, and renewed mind; fully purposed to lead a new life, and holding faith and a good conscience. Oh! may I not again fall back to my former evil ways, or through any temptation be induced to falter in the race that is set before me; but may I ever press towards the mark for the prize of the high calling in Christ Jesus, and finally attain that glorious reward promised to all his faithful followers—even an end of all sickness, sorrow, and trouble, together with everlasting happiness and peace in thy heavenly kingdom, through the same Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and only Saviour. *Amen.*

If ye shall despise my statutes, (saith the Lord God) or if your soul shall abhor my judgments, so that ye will not do all my commandments: I will also do this unto you; I will

even appoint over you terror, consumption, and the burning ague, that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of heart. *Lev. xxvi. 15, 16.*

Set your heart and your soul to seek the Lord your God. *1 Chron. xxii. 19.*

For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout all whole earth, to shew himself strong in behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. *2 Chron. xvi. 9.*

The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous runneth into it, and is safe. *Prov. xviii. 10.*

SELECTIONS FOR READING.

See Psalms i. lxiii. cxxv.

Read Ecclesiastes xii. Matt. viii. from ver. 5 to 18. Mark i. from ver. 23 to end. Acts xx. from ver. 7 to 12. Ephes. v. to ver. 21.

Collect, twentieth Sunday after Trinity.

XVI.

For an inmate of a Workhouse, or any other Charitable Institution.

EJACULATIONS.

I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will speak of all thy marvellous works.

I will be glad and rejoice in thee; yea, my songs will I make of thy name, O thou Most Highest.

They that know thy name, will put their trust in thee; for thou, Lord, hast never failed them that seek thee.

For the poor shall not alway be forgotten; the patient abiding of the meek shall not perish for ever. *Psalm ix.* 1, 2, 10, 18.

Let all those that seek thee, be joyful and glad in thee; and let such as love thy salvation, say alway, the Lord be praised.

As for me, I am poor and needy; but the Lord careth for me. *Psalm xl.* 19, 20.

THE PRAYER.

Most gracious and merciful Lord God, who among the many and comfortable assurances of eternal rest given unto us in thy holy word, hast more especially taught us by our Saviour Christ, that poverty and infirmity, rightly and patiently endured, shall end in blessedness and peace: teach me to lift up my thoughts unto heaven, and to await with patience that happy change. Oh! make me thankful that I am neither houseless, nor “desiring to be fed;” but, through the kindness of the rich in this favoured country, am carefully provided for. Teach me, O God, to acknowledge these blessings as I ought, and to bear my lot with meekness and contentment; and give me grace to employ my freedom from the

snare and anxieties of wealth, in the pursuit of those treasures which are in heaven ; so that, though poor on earth, I may become rich in faith, and may be laying up in store for myself a good foundation against the time to come !—Pour down thy blessing upon the whole of this community, that we may live in peace and comfort with each other, not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing, but contrariwise blessing ; knowing unto what we are called, even the kingdom of heaven. May I ever rejoice in this blessed hope, and use all diligence to make my calling and election sure, so that finally through the merits of my Redeemer, I may be forever comforted, and rest in the bosom of blessedness and peace. *Amen.*

When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the Lord will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them. *Isaiah*, xli. 17.

Let your conversation be without covetousness ; and be content with such things as ye have ; for he hath said, I will never leave thee nor forsake thee. *Heb.* xiii. 5.

Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world ; and it is certain we can carry

nothing out ; and having food and raiment, let us be there-with content. 1 *Tim.* vi. 6, 7, 8.

Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests ; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head. *Luke* ix. 58.

Blessed are the poor in spirit ; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. *Matt.* v. 3.

Hearken, my beloved brethren, hath not God chosen the poor of this world, rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom, which he hath promised to them that love him ? *James* ii. 5.

SELECTIONS FOR READING.

See *Psalms* xlix. cxxxi. cxxxiii.

Read *Luke* xvi. from ver. 19 to end. *Ephesians* iv. *Philippians* ii. 1 *Timothy* vi. 1 *Peter* ii.

Collects, Sunday before Easter, and ninth after Trinity.

XVII.

For a person suffering under a reverse of fortune.

EJACULATIONS.

Bow down thine ear, O Lord, and hear me ; for I am poor, and in misery.

Give ear, Lord, unto my prayer ; and ponder the voice of my humble desires. *Psalms* lxxxvi. 1. 6.

Oh ! deliver me, for I am helpless and poor ; and my heart is wounded within me. *Psalms* cix. 21.

For man walketh in a vain shadow, and disquieteth himself in vain ; he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them. *Psalm xxxix. 7.*

But the Lord is my refuge ; and my God is the strength of my confidence. *Psalm xciv. 22.*

In God's word will I rejoice ; in the Lord's word will I comfort me. *Psalm lvi. 10.*

THE PRAYER.

O Father of mercies, and God of all comfort, who, by the mouth of thy blessed Son Jesus Christ, hast invited the weary and heavy laden to come unto Thee with the promise of rest unto their souls ; and who also by Thy holy apostles hast repeatedly taught us that Thou chastenest the children of men for their advantage ; give me grace powerfully to feel the truth of thy cheering promises, that so I may bear mine affliction with meekness, and turn my sufferings to my everlasting benefit.—Oh ! may I, gracious Lord, ever imitate, and feel the spirit of that prayer, which teaches us to beg of Thee neither poverty nor riches, but a sufficiency only of those things, which are really necessary here below ; lest, on the one hand, I be full and deny Thee ; or lest,

on the other, I repine and murmur at my lot.—But, in whatsoever state, O Lord, thou shalt think fit to place me, teach me therewith to be content. And grant that the feelings which now bow me down, may leave such a lasting and chastening impression, that I may learn to take joyfully the spoiling of my goods, knowing that there is in heaven a better and an enduring substance, even thy incorruptible treasures; for which, O God, may I ever patiently wait and pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lord maketh poor, and maketh rich; he bringeth low, and lifteth up. 1 *Sam.* ii. 7.

Although the fig-tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls. Yet will I rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation. *Hab.* iii. 17, 18.

Better is little with the fear of the Lord, than great treasure, and trouble therewith. *Prov.* xv. 16.

Jesus said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things; but one thing is needful. *Luke* x. 41, 42.

In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world. *John xvi. 33.*

SELECTIONS FOR READING.

See Psalms iii. lxii. lxix. cxlvi.

Read Job i. from ver. 13 to end. Ecclesiastes v. from ver. 8 to end. Luke xii. from ver. 16 to 34. Luke xviii. from ver. 18 to 30. 2 Corinthians i. Philippians iv.

Collects, Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity.

XVIII.

For an aged person.

EJACULATIONS.

In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust; let me never be put to confusion; but rid me, and deliver me in thy righteousness; incline thine ear unto me, and save me.

For thou, O Lord God, art the thing that I long for; thou art my hope, even from my youth.

Through thee have I been holden up, ever since I was born; thou art he, that took me out of my mother's womb; my praise shall be always of thee.

Cast me not away in the time of age; forsake me not when my strength faileth me.

Forsake me not, O God, in mine old age, when I am gray-headed. *Psalms lxxi. 1. 4. 5. 8. 16.*

THE PRAYER.

Eternal God, in whose sight a thousand

years are but as yesterday, and who canst quickly number the misdeeds of an unworthy creature; have mercy on thy aged servant; and so teach me to review mine own life that I may apply the remainder of my days unto true and heavenly wisdom! Would, O Lord, that the picture were more pleasing, for in too much of the time past I fear I have wrought mine own will, instead of following thy holy laws.—Yet be merciful, O God, and give me grace so to live the rest of my time, that by repentance and amendment, the burden of my sins may grow lighter with increasing years.—O Holy Spirit, be thou my comfort and the light of mine eyes, that I may not err in vision, nor stumble in judgment, but though my body may decay, my soul may be renewed day by day.—O blessed Jesus, be thou my staff and support, on whom I may securely lean under the infirmities of age, and through faith, cheerfully persevere, looking unto a happy termination of my pilgrimage.—And do thou, O holy Father, so order the remainder of my days, that I may be gathered

unto the grave in peace, and in a joyful hope of an everlasting life, through the merits of my redeemer, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 *John* i. 8, 9.

See, then, that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time. *Ephes.* v. 15, 16.

Put off, concerning the former conversation, the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; and be renewed in the spirit of your mind. *Ephes.* iv. 22, 23.

That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience. The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things. *Titus* ii. 2, 3.

The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness. *Prov.* xvi. 32.

And even to your old age I am He; and even to your hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you. *Isaiâh* xli. 4.

SELECTIONS FOR READING.

See *Psalms* li. lxxi. xc.

Read *Joshua* xxiii. and xxiv. *Job* xlii. *Luke* ii. from ver. 25 to 38. *Luke* xiii. from ver. 6 to 10. 1 *Peter* iv. to ver. 7.

Collect, fourth Sunday in Advent.

XIX.

A Prayer for a young Person in Sickness.

EJACULATIONS.

O God, thou art my God ; early will I seek thee. *Psalm* lxiii. 1.

Behold, thou hast made my days as it were a span long ; and mine age is even as nothing in respect of thee ; and verily, every man living is altogether vanity.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and with thine ears consider my calling.

For I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were. *Psalm* xxxix. 6. 13, 14.

O my God, take me not away in the midst of mine age ; as for thy years, they endure throughout all generations. *Psalm* cii. 24.

THE PRAYER.

Most gracious Father, who hast pleasure .
in the services of the young, and wouldest
that they should seek thee early ; be thou
the guide of my youth ; and so direct my
paths, that I may not walk in the ways of
mine own heart, and in the sight of mine
eyes, lest thou shouldest bring me into
judgment !—Thou hast made me to feel thy
chastening hand betimes ; yet grant, O Lord,
that it may be for my profit, by leading me

to consideration and repentance, that I may become a partaker of thy holiness.—Oh ! let not, then, this sickness prevail against me, lest few and evil be the days of my life ; but deal mercifully with thy servant, that I may live and observe thy statutes.—And shouldest thou think fit to prolong my years, give me the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that I may decline neither to the right hand nor to the left, but may daily search thy holy Scriptures, and continue stedfastly in the things which, from a child, I have learned, and been assured of, knowing that they are able to make me wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus.
Amen.

The imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth.
Gen. viii. 21.

Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right. *Prov. xx. 11.*

It is good for a man, that he bear the yoke in his youth.
Lam. iii. 27.

My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him ; for whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. *Heb. xii. 5, 6.*

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them. *Eccles. xii. 1.*

Flee also youthful lusts; but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart. *2 Tim. ii. 22.*

SELECTIONS FOR READING.

See Psalms xcii. civ. and second part of cxix.

Read 1 Samuel iii. Proverbs ii. Ecclesiastes xi. Luke ii. from ver. 40 to end. Ephesians vi. 1 Peter i. from ver. 5 to 11.

Collects, the Innocents' day, and Sunday after Christmas.

XX.

A Prayer for a profitable reading of the Scriptures.

EJACULATIONS.

Oh! that my ways were made so direct, that I might keep thy statutes!

Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.

Oh! stablish thy word in thy servant, that I may fear thee.

Let thy loving mercy come also unto me, O Lord, even thy salvation, according to thy word. *Psalms cxix. 5. 34. 38. 41.*

THE PRAYER.

Most gracious God, who, by thy blessed Son, hast likened thy holy word unto seed scattered by the sower; pour into my soul a lively sense of the divine truths therein contained: pardon me for the indifference which I have hitherto shown to thy word, and for the many times when, after having been carefully sown, it has perished; and so cultivate and prepare my heart, that it may ever henceforth fall as upon good ground, and bring forth fruit a hundred-fold.—Increase the growth, I beseech thee, of such as may take root: cherish that which may flourish for awhile; and grant the whole may ripen unto a glorious harvest in the world to come, through the same, thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. *James i. 21, 22.*

All Scripture is given by the inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. *2 Tim. iii. 16, 17.*

Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me. *John* v. 24. 39.

Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. *Matt.* xxiv. 35.

SELECTIONS FOR READING.

See Psalms xix. lxvii. lxxviii. cxix.

Read Deuteronomy iv. to ver. 41. *Matthew* vii. from ver. 13 to end; xiii. *Acts* vii. *Hebrews* vi. 2 *Pet.* i.

Collects, second Sunday in Advent, and eleventh Sunday after Trinity.

XXI.

For a person disturbed occasionally by profane thoughts, or with a mistrust of the Divine promises.

EJACULATIONS.

Truly God is loving unto Israel; even unto such as are of a clean heart.

Nevertheless, my feet were almost gone; my treadings had well nigh slipped.

And why? I was grieved at the wicked; I do also see the ungodly in such prosperity.

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that I may know and feel that I live but by the word of thy mouth ; so that in all trials and temptations I may never bow down to the tempter, but with a pure heart and mind serve thee, the only God, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering ; for He is faithful that promised. *Heb. x. 23.*

Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. *Gal. iii. 6.*

He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief ; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God ; and being fully persuaded that what he had promised, he was able also to perform. *Rom. iv. 20, 21.*

Be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive. *Ephes. iv. 14.*

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. *James iv. 7, 8.*

Abide in me, (saith our Saviour,) and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine ; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. *John xv. 4.*

SELECTIONS FOR READING.

See Psalms x. xii. xiv. xvii. xxxvi.

Read Leviticus xxiv. from ver. 10 to 17. Matthew iv. to ver. 11. Mark iv. 2 Thessalonians ii. Hebrews iii. and xi. 2 Peter iii.

Collects, Trinity Sunday, and Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity.

XXII.

Against worldly thoughts, and for a better frame of mind.

EJACULATIONS.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, according to thy loving-kindness; quicken me, according as thou art wont. *Psalm cxix.* 149.

Who can tell how oft he offendeth? Oh! cleanse thou me from my secret faults. *Psalm xix.* 12.

Order my steps in thy way; and so shall no wickedness have dominion over me. *Psalm cxix.* 133.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be alway acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer. *Psalm xix.* 14, 15.

THE PRAYER.

Most high God, the eternal Father of the universe, who lookest down from heaven, and beholdest all the sons of men; who spiest out all our ways, and knowest the innermost recesses of the heart; forgive all earthly yearnings.—Pardon the wanderings of my mind, the distraction of my thoughts,

and raise them to thy heavenly abode ; and by the help of thy good Spirit, direct all my powers to the attainment of its joys, in comparison with which all here below is as dust in the balance. Oh ! grant me thy grace powerfully to feel this most important truth, and so to purify my heart, that I may bring my thoughts under subjection, and turn them alone to the salvation of my soul ! May I, through thy blessing, most merciful Father, accomplish this great end, in the name of Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord.
Amen.

The Lord seeth not as man seeth ; for man looketh on the outward appearance ; but the Lord looketh on the heart.
1 *Sam.* xvi. 7.

Every way of a man is right in his own eyes ; but the Lord pondereth the heart. *Prov.* xxi. 2.

A good man, out of the good treasure of the heart, bringeth forth good things ; and an evil man, out of the evil treasure, bringeth forth evil things. *Matt.* xii. 35.

Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord. Let us lift up our heart, with our hands unto God in the heavens. *Lam.* iii. 40, 41.

Whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world ; and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith : who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God ? 1 *John* v. 4, 5.

Seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. *Col. iii. 1.*

SELECTIONS FOR READING.

See *Psalms xxv. xxvi. cxxiii.*

Read *Isaiah xliii. Matthew xv. to ver. 14. Romans xii. Galatians v. Ephesians ii.*

Collects, Sixth Sunday after Epiphany, and Fifth Sunday after Easter.

XXIII.

A Prayer for a person about to receive the Holy Communion.

EJACULATIONS.

I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. *Psalms cxvi. 12.*

Try me, O God, and seek the ground of my heart; prove me, and examine my thoughts.

Look well if there be any wickedness in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. *Psalms cxxxix. 23, 24.*

I will keep thy ceremonies: O forsake me not utterly. *Psalms cxix. 8.*

THE PRAYER.

Most holy and glorious Lord God! in whose sight not even the heavens are pure, much less the heart of thine unworthy ser-

vant; mercifully bless my humble resolution of offering myself at thy holy table; and so purify my mind, that I may draw near with reverence and godly fear. Root out of me all ungodly and uncharitable feelings.—Strengthen me in the resolution of living more circumspectly for the future; and grant that I may receive the sacred emblems of bread and wine, with a lively faith in the atoning blood of my Redeemer, and a grateful sense of the benefits I derive by the sacrifice of thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ: to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end.
Amen.

If ye love me, keep my commandments, *John* xiv. 15.

For I have received of the Lord that which I also delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the New Testament in my blood; this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. *1 Cor.* xi. 23, 24, 25.

Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. *2 Cor.* xiii. 5.

And above all these things, put on charity, which is the

bond of perfectness; and let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom. *Col. iii. 14, 15, 16.*

SELECTIONS FOR READING.

See Psalms lxxxiv. cvii. cx. cxi.

Read Exodus xii. Matt. xviii. from ver. 21 to end. Luke xxii. John vi. from ver. 32 to 41. 1 Cor. xiii.

Collects, first Sunday after Easter, and third Sunday after Easter.

XXIV.

After receiving the Holy Communion.

EJACULATIONS.

Praise the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, praise his holy name.

Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. *Psalm ciii. 1, 2.*

Thy testimonies are wonderful, therefore doth my soul keep them.

Let the free-will offerings of my mouth please thee, O Lord; and teach me thy judgments. *Psalm cxix. 129. 108.*

Oh! hold thou up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not. *Psalm xvii. 5.*

THE PRAYER.

O Lord, our heavenly and eternal King ! who hast permitted me to draw near to thy throne, in the participation of the holy communion of the body and blood of our Saviour Christ ;—receive my humble offering, and grant that my approach thereto may be acceptable in thy sight.—Oh ! make me sensible of the great benefits I derive by the event thereby commemorated, and thankful for the unspeakable joys opened by the death and sufferings of thy dear Son.—Deal not with me, O Father, according to my life past, but pardon my many offences in thought, word, and deed, against thy Divine Majesty.—O Thou who knowest the thoughts and intents of the heart, strengthen me in all good resolutions, eradicate all evil desires, and grant me the grace of thy Holy Spirit ; that I may ever henceforth think, speak, and act, agreeably to thy will, through Jesus Christ our Saviour, to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life ; he that

cometh to me shall never hunger ; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. *John* vi. 35.

Then they that gladly received his word were baptized ; and they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. *Acts* ii. 41, 42.

Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have a right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. *Rev.* xxii. 14.

SELECTIONS FOR READING.

See *Psalms* ciii. cxxxvi. cxlvii.

Read *Matt.* v. *John* x. to ver. 19. *John* xv. *Heb.* xxiii.

Collects, second Sunday after Easter, and first Sunday after Trinity.

XXV.

For a blessed Resurrection.

EJACULATIONS.

O Lord, our Governor, how excellent is thy name in all the world ; thou hast set thy glory above the heavens. *Psalms* viii. 1.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil ; for thou art with me ; thy rod and thy staff comfort me. *Psalms* xxiii. 4.

Remember me, O Lord, according to the favour that thou bearest unto thy people. Oh ! visit me with thy salvation.

That I may see the felicity of thy chosen ; and rejoice in

the gladness of thy people, and give thanks with thine inheritance. *Psalm cvi.* 4, 5.

THE PRAYER.

O most gracious God, who in thine infinite mercy hast held out to thy unworthy creatures the hope of a blessed immortality, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead; help thy servant to cast off all earthly feelings, and to stretch forward to those incorruptible joys, the glorious end of all sickness and sorrow. Oh! may I not by mine own neglect or folly, hinder thy gracious promises, but so dwell on the unspeakable happiness promised to the righteous, that I may never be weary in well doing, but may run with patience the race that is set before me, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of my faith; who for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of thy heavenly throne!—May I also, O God, when summoned before that tribunal, through the merits of those sufferings, be placed on his right hand, and dwell for evermore in those heavenly mansions,

which thou hast prepared for them that love thee, through the same Jesus Christ our Redeemer. *Amen.*

Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept: for since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead: for as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. *1 Cor. xv. 20. 22.*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which, according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away. *1 Pet. i. 3, 4.*

Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. *Phil. iii. 13, 14.*

Whosoever, therefore, shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. *Matt. x. 32.*

SELECTIONS FOR READING.

See Psalms viii. xv. xxi. xxiv. xlvii.

Read Matt. v. to ver. 12. Luke x. from ver. 25 to end.

John xii. from ver. 23 to 36. Heb. iv.

Collects, Ascension Day, and Easter Even.

XXVI.

When there appeareth little hope of recovery.

EJACULATIONS.

Consider, and hear me, O Lord my God; lighten mine eyes that I sleep not in death. *Psalm xiii.* 3.

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart also in the midst of my body is even like melting wax.

My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaveth to my gums, and thou shalt bring me into the dust of death. *Psalm xxii.* 14, 15.

And now, Lord, what is my hope? truly my hope is even in thee.

O spare me a little, that I may recover my strength; before I go hence, and be no more seen. *Psalm xxxix.* 8. 15.

THE PRAYER.

O God! the governor and disposer of all things here below; have mercy, I implore thee, on thy poor distressed servant. Grant me that help from above, which can alone abate the severity of my disease, and prolong my days upon earth. Yet, whatsoever thou wilt concerning the infirmities of my body, forget not, I beseech thee, the disorders of my soul; but pour into it thy

Holy Spirit, that, by a sincere repentance, earnest endeavour, and stedfast faith in thy Son our Saviour, I may be so prepared for the hour of death, that I may meet it with humble confidence and comfort. Oh ! think upon me, merciful Father, that my spiritual diseases may be healed, and that, after my body shall be laid in the dust, I may taste of that blessed immortality, which thou hast promised through the merits and mediation of my Redeemer Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Here have we no continuing city; but we seek one to come. *Heb. xiii. 14.*

From whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ; who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working, whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself. *Phil. iii. 20, 21.*

For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal. *2 Cor. iv. 16. 18.*

Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent, that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless. *2 Pet. iii. 14.*

SELECTIONS FOR READING.

See Psalms xvi. lvii. lxx.

Read 1 Kings from ver. 17 to end. John xi. to ver. 45.

2 Cor. v. Philip. i. from ver. 21 to 28.

Collects, first Sunday in Advent, and fourth Sunday after Easter.

 XXVII.
On the approach of Death.

EJACULATIONS.

Save me, O God, for the waters are come in, even unto my soul. *Psalm lxi. 1.*

My days are gone like a shadow, I am withered like grass. *Psalm cii. 11.*

Have mercy upon me, O God; after thy great goodness; according to the multitude of thy mercies, do away mine offences.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness; and cleanse me from my sin. *Psalm li. 1, 2.*

Forsake me not, O Lord my God; be not thou far from me.

Haste thee to help me; O Lord God of my salvation. *Psalm xxxviii. 21, 22.*

THE PRAYER.

O God! to whom salvation belongeth, our only hope in the awful hour of death; haste, I beseech thee, unto my help, and save me

for thy mercy's sake.—Oh ! let not the past rise up against me, the many times I have set at nought thy counsels, and the various iniquities I have committed in thought, word, and deed, during an unprofitable course of life ; deeper in which I might still have proceeded, had not thy arm arrested me by the prospect of dissolution.—Make me thankful that even this short time is allowed me ; and may I redouble my efforts to attain thy favour before I go hence and be no more seen. Grant that it may not be too late to turn unto thee, O Lord ; but save my soul from destruction. Be merciful unto me, O God, and incline thine ear unto my calling ; that, when my last hour shall arrive ; by the comfort of thy Holy Spirit, my soul may be full of hope and peace ; and in thine own good time be received into thine everlasting kingdom, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 *Tim.* i. 15.

Who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. 2 *Tim.* i. 10.

I am the resurrection and the life, (saith the Lord :) he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live ; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. *John* xi. 25, 26.

We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump ; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 1 *Cor.* xv. 51, 52.

SELECTIONS FOR READING.

See Psalms xxxix. xc.

Read 1 Cor. xv. 1 Thess. iv. from ver. 13 to end. Rev. xxi. and xxii.

Collect for Easter Day.

XXVIII.

Thanksgiving after recovery from Sickness.

EJACULATIONS.

The Lord is my strength, and my shield, my heart hath trusted in him, I am helped ; therefore my heart danceth for joy, and in my song will I praise him. *Psalms* xxviii. 8.

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord hath chastened and corrected me, but he hath not given me over unto death.

Thou art my God, and I will thank thee ; thou art my God, and I will praise thee.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious, and his mercy endureth for ever. *Psalm cxviii.* 17, 18, 28, 29.

Thou hast been my succour; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation. *Psalm xxvii.* 11.

THE THANKSGIVING.

Blessed Lord, who hast vouchsafed to prolong the life of an unworthy sinner, and to raise *him* from (*a hopeless or tedious*) bed of sickness; receive my humble and hearty thanks (the first fruits of my returning strength) for thy great and undeserved mercy.—Oh! may I, with restored health, put off the evil ways of my former life, and be renewed in the spirit of my mind; for which end, strengthen me in all good resolutions, which in this hour of trial I may have formed of henceforth walking in thy ways, and regulating my future conduct by thy laws.—And grant that I may not again be led away by the follies and vanities of this life, which, while tottering on the brink of the grave, I could not otherwise than see in their true and proper colours.

May I, O heavenly Father, ever view

them in that light, and live from this time to the honour of thy holy name, and the benefit of my immortal soul, through Jesus Christ our Saviour, to whom be glory for evermore. *Amen.*

Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole; sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee. *John* v. 14.

I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. *Rom.* xii. 1.

Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Ephes.* v. 20.

For in him we live, and move, and have our being. *Acts* xvii. 28.

SELECTIONS FOR READING.

See Psalms xxx. xxxiv. cxxxviii.

Read Deut. viii. Matt. viii. to ver. 5. Luke xvii. from ver. 11 to 19.

Collect, second Sunday after Trinity.

XXIX.

*Thanksgiving after an unexpected recovery,
or providential escape from any imminent
danger.*

EJACULATIONS.

Unto thee, O God, will I pay my vows; unto thee will I give thanks: for thou hast delivered my soul from death, and my feet from falling, that I may walk before thee in the light of the living. *Psalm lvi. 12, 13.*

Who can express the noble acts of the Lord; or show forth all his praise? *Psalm cvi. 2.*

My strength will I ascribe unto thee; for thou art the God of my refuge. *Psalm lix. 9.*

THE THANKSGIVING.

Almighty and most merciful Father, who of thine infinite goodness hast not given thy servant over unto death, but granted *him* a longer continuance upon earth; receive my heartfelt thanks for thy great mercy and unexpected deliverance.—Oh! cherish those emotions of gratitude, which under an impression of my escape arise in my bosom; and grant that the remembrance of it may not soon be blotted out; but that I may

ever retain a lively sense of my late danger, and thy heavenly protection, to the advancement of thy glory, and my everlasting advantage, through Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all love, honour, praise, and dominion, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

In every thing give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. *1 Thess. v. 18.*

And whatsoever ye do, in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. *Col. iii. 17.*

By him, therefore, let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to his name. *Heb. xiii. 15.*

SELECTIONS FOR READING.

See *Psalms* lxvi. cxxiv. cxlv.

Read *Isaiah* xxv. *John* xi. from ver. 40 to 42. See also the selections in the preceding thanksgiving.

Collect, third Sunday after Epiphany.

XXX.

Thanksgiving after Childbirth.

EJACULATIONS.

Unto thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens. *Psalm cxxiii.* 1.

For thou art great, and doest wondrous things; thou art God alone.

Teach me thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in thy truth; Oh! knit my heart unto thee, that I may fear thy name.

I will thank thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart; and will praise thy name for evermore.

For great is thy mercy toward me; and thou hast delivered my soul from the nethermost hell.

Oh! turn thee then unto me, and have mercy upon me; give thy strength unto thy servant, and help the *son* of thine handmaid. *Psalm lxxxvi.* 10, 11, 12, 13. 16.

THE THANKSGIVING.

O Lord my God, thou hast rescued and delivered me from the troubles that compassed me about. Accept, therefore, my humble and hearty thanks that my life is brought out of danger, and that I am suffered again to look toward thy holy tem-

ple *.—May I, however, most gracious God, not content myself with offering unto thee the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for my safe delivery ;—but give me thy grace, that I may present myself a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto thee, as my reasonable service, and henceforth endeavour to live agreeably to thy laws.

(Bless and preserve my babe ; and grant that *his* growth in stature may be attended with such an increase of true and heavenly wisdom, that *he* may ever be acceptable in thy sight, and may live to be a source of happiness and comfort to *his* parents.)

Direct me ever, O Father, by thy Holy Spirit, and make me feel the responsibility which is attached to me, as the head of a family ; so that I may, both by example and persuasion, lead all those who look up to

* Although a woman should at all times return thanks to Almighty God for her safe delivery ; yet it should not be forgotten that the Church requires a more public and solemn acknowledgment for the mercy vouchsafed unto her, as well as of being restored to the happy privilege of worshipping God in his congregation.

me, to become a household of faith, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

When my soul fainted within me, I remembered the Lord, and my prayer came in unto thee.

I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay *that* that I have vowed. Salvation is of the Lord. *Jonah* ii. 7. 9.

In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. *Prov.* iii. 6.

Teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word be not blasphemed. *Titus* ii. 4, 5.

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. *John* iii. 3.

Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God. *Mark* x. 14. *

SELECTIONS FOR READING.

See *Psalms* cxvi. cxxvii.

Read *Lev.* xii. 1 *Sam.* ii. to ver. 11. *Luke* ii. from ver. 21 to 25. *Matt.* iii. from ver. 13 to end. *Mark* x. from ver. 13 to 16. *John* iii. to ver. 9.

Collects, purification of the Virgin Mary, and Circumcision of Christ.

* The two last texts, as well as the middle part of the thanksgiving, apply only when the child is living. It need scarcely be added, that the texts mentioned, together with a portion of the selections, allude to the baptism of the infant, which should on no account be *unnecessarily* delayed.

OCCASIONAL PRAYERS

FOR THE USE OF THE

RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

OF

SICK PERSONS.

Prayer for a sick Parent.

O LORD and heavenly Father, who hast not only implanted in our breasts a love of our parents, but hast commanded us to honour them if we would see good days ; lengthen those of my suffering *father*, I beseech thee, and revive *his* drooping spirit.—Thou art the strength of our health, and our only support in the time of trouble ; listen therefore, most gracious God, to this my prayer on behalf of my beloved parent, and grant that I may live to see *his* gray hairs go down to the grave in peace. But if thou thinkest

fit to shorten *his* years, or even to continue this affliction, may I be a comfort and help to *him* in his declining days; and if *his* strength or understanding faileth, may I have patience with *him*, and meekly bear with *his* infirmities, so that thus I may be enabled to smooth *his* bed of sickness, and to requite all *his* anxiety on my account, when I was helpless and needed care.—Oh! may I and every member of this family, in humble imitation of thy blessed Son, so perform the duties which we owe both to our heavenly and earthly parent; that, finally, we may all become the children of the resurrection, and sit down in the kingdom of heaven, through the merits of the same, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For a sick Husband.

O Father of heaven and earth, the sovereign Disposer of all things here below, have mercy on me in this hour of need, and incline thine ear unto my petition.—Thy word, O Lord, healeth all things; for thou

hast the power of life and death, thou ledest to the gates of the grave and bringest up: in the name of Jesus Christ then, raise up, I pray thee, mine afflicted husband, and grant him his health again. O Lord, hear; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not (*for my children's sake*), O my God, the recovery of thy sick servant, but restore him to the bosom of his family.—Let nothing, O God, hinder our prayers, but look mercifully upon him, and grant that he may continue my support and comfort here below, and that we may henceforth dwell together, provoking each other (according to the doctrine of the apostle) only unto love and good works. Let thy blessing be upon us and ours, and give me grace to acquire that ornament, which is in thy sight of so great price, even a meek and quiet spirit, through the same Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

For a sick Wife.

O Lord God Almighty, who didst create woman as a help meet for man, and dost

unite them by ties the most binding upon earth; look down, I implore thee, on my beloved wife, here lying under thy hand, and separate us not for thy mercies' sake! To thee alone belong the issues of life and death, and to thee do I fly in this agonizing hour.—Listen, therefore, O Lord of mercy, and, for the sake of Jesus Christ, have pity upon me.—I know that all things are possible with thee, and that even yet thou canst raise her up, and grant her the blessing of health and strength.—Oh! may it be thy pleasure to hear my prayer, and restore thine hand-maid to her afflicted husband. Spare her, O Lord God, spare her, (*and for the sake of our dear children*) be merciful unto us, and turn our sorrow into joy, even by a speedy recovery; so that we may ever bless and praise thy holy name, to whom with the Son and Holy Spirit be all honour and glory world without end. *Amen.*

For a sick Child.

Almighty God, whose most dearly beloved Son didst listen to the prayers of afflicted

parents, and graciously restore their offspring even in the extremity of sickness; look upon my *son*, I do humbly beseech thee, and through the same Jesus Christ have mercy upon *him*.—I know, O Lord, that all things are possible with thee; and therefore do I throw myself before the throne of thy grace: help me, then, most gracious Father, and stretch forth thine healing hand, ere my child die!—Oh! may my prayers on his behalf prevail, and be the happy instrument, through thy grace, of his amendment: to which end prosper the means which are used for his recovery, and dispose all things for his advantage:—and shouldest thou think fit to listen to my request, may I ever acknowledge thine Almighty protection, by henceforth setting before my family an example of a godly life; and prove my gratitude for the restoration of my child, by an increased faith and trust in my ever gracious and merciful Redeemer. *Amen.*

For a sick Relative or Friend.

O merciful God, who by thy holy word, hast not only encouraged us to fly to thee in the hour of affliction ; but hast exhorted us “ to pray for one another.” Listen, I humbly beseech thee, to this my prayer on behalf of my poor (*friend*) now stretched upon a bed of sickness, and grant *him* a speedy recovery for thy mercies’ sake. Have mercy, O Lord, have mercy, and incline thine ear unto those petitions which from time to time we have offered up at the throne of thy grace, and grant that the united prayers of *his* family may prevail. But shouldest thou think fit to deny us the request of our lips, have mercy on thy sick servant, and so fit and prepare *him*, by the aid of thy Holy Spirit against the hour of death, that he may meet it with becoming fortitude and resignation, trusting in the all-sufficient merits of his gracious Redeemer Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

PRAYERS

ON THE

LOSS OF RELATIVES AND FRIENDS.

A Prayer to be used on the death of a Wife.

Most high God, who rulest in the kingdom of men, and appointest whatsoever thou wilt, help me to drink the bitter cup that thou hast allotted me, and to bow beneath thine afflicting hand. Thou hast taken away the wife of my bosom, the desire of mine eyes, and therefore do my tears run down; yet teach me to make no unbecoming mourning for the dead, and for the sake of my poor babes, (*“ or those around me,” as may be*), to forbear all fruitless lamentation! Thou knowest, O God, my wretchedness, and my need of thy support; hear, therefore, this prayer of thy servant, and all my supplications, and cause thy face to shine

upon the heart that is desolate, for Jesus Christ's sake.—Oh! may I find comfort in that blessed name, and in the thought that through him, the grave is only a passage unto a far happier state, to all those who have faithfully served thee in this life. *Amen.*

On the loss of a Husband.

O Thou mighty Being, the Father of the fatherless, and the God of the widow, help me a desolate woman, who have now no helper but thee.—Oh! make thyself known unto me in this hour of trial, and give me strength to endure this heavy affliction.—Thou knowest, Lord, the weakness of our nature, pardon therefore the murmurs on my lips; and so support me by thine Almighty aid, that I may calmly and meekly submit to the loss of my beloved husband, and may be enabled to say, “Thy will be done.”—If in this life only we have hope, truly in the language of the apostle, I am most miserable; teach me, however, blessed Lord, to feel that even in the depth of sor-

row there is much comfort to those who truly seek thee, and look beyond the fleeting joys of this life.—Implant in my soul those excellent gifts of patience, meekness, and humility; and teach me henceforth to fix my affections on things eternal; so that, at the last, I may learn to bless the means that thou hast taken of withdrawing my thoughts from this world, and of leading to those perpetual joys which thou hast promised through the merits and mediation of my Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Prayer for a Parent on the loss of a Child.

Almighty God, the eternal Father of mankind, who didst give to thy servant David grace calmly to bear the loss of his child, by the prospect of a joyful re-union in the regions above; and thus to set before his distressed family an example of pious resignation!—Give me thy servant also strength to bear *this* affliction with the same holy feelings, and meekly to submit to thy heavenly will. Oh! may I find comfort in the reflec-

tion that my poor child is thus early snatched from a world of sin and sorrow ; and, by this lesson of mortality, so strive to live here below, that when my soul shall be summoned before thee, I may with all that are dear to me here on earth, dwell for evermore in the happy realms above, through the merits of my Redeemer Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

On the death of a Friend or Relative.

O God, in whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind ; who also, by the departure of (*my friend,*) hast more especially taught me, that we are but strangers and pilgrims upon earth, and that life is even as a vapour that appeareth for a little time and then vanisheth away ; have mercy on thy servant ; and so direct my heart, that I may ever bear in mind this great truth, and endeavour so to live that I may always be prepared to die.—Teach me, O Lord, to bear with patience and resignation the loss of my beloved *friend*, and to

improve this and all other warnings to the consideration of my latter end.—Help me to avoid the danger incurred by those who have departed this life in sin, and give me grace to follow the example of those that have died in thy faith and fear; that, when my pilgrimage shall have terminated, I may, for Christ's sake, be found worthy to be passed to those heavenly mansions, which thou hast prepared and promised unto all who have endured unto the end, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Consolatory Portions of Scripture, for the
Relatives or Friends of a deceased Person.*

And it came to pass on the seventh day that the child died. And the servants of David feared to tell him that the child was dead: for they said, Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spake unto him, and he would not hearken unto our voice; how will he then vex himself, if we tell him that the child is dead?—But when David saw that his servants whispered, David perceived that the child *was* dead; therefore David said unto his servants, Is the child dead?—And they said, He is dead.

Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his apparel, and came into the house of the Lord, and worshipped: then he came to his own house; and when he required, they set bread before him and he did

eat.—Then said his servants unto him, What thing is this that thou hast done? thou didst fast and weep for the child, *while it was alive*; but when the child was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread.—And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, who can tell whether God will be gracious to me, that the child may live?—But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me. *2 Sam. xii. 18—23.*

I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord, shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which are alive, and remain, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore *comfort* one another with these words. *1 Thess. iv. 13—18.*

See also Psalms xxxix. xc.

*And read Job i. from ver. 18 to end, and xiv. Ecclesiastes i. ii. iii. xiii. Jeremiah xxxi. from ver. 15 to 18. Ezekiel xxiv. from ver. 15 to 19. Daniel xii. Luke xvi. from ver. 19 to end. John xiv. 1 Corinthians xv. 2 Corinthians v. Philip-
pians i. from ver. 21 to 24. Revelations vii. from ver. 9 to end,
and xxi. xxii.*

THE END.

